(b) the estimated loss suffered by the country on this account; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has seen the Article "Smuggling in Projects". It purports to suggest that industrial licences/letters of intent for various petrochemicals items have been issued to a particular party viz. M/s. Reliance Industires Limited irregularly in disregard of the provisions of MRTP Act, 1969, the claims of the other applicant companies etc. Many of the assumptions made and figures indicated in the Article are, however, not correct.

(b) The question of any loss suffered by the country does not arise.

(c) In all the cases referred to, the Industrial licences/letters of intent were issued on merits in accordance with the provisions of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 and the Rules and Procedures prescribed thereunder and after clearance from MRTP angle, whereever applicable. Besides, industrial licences/letters of intent have been issued to others also for the manufacture of the items in question.

सहायक उद्योगों की स्थापना सम्बंधी नीति

1007. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल**: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रक्षा उत्पादन विभाग, रेलवे विभाग, नेपा पेपर मिल्स और सीमेंट कारखानों द्वारा सहायक उद्योगों की स्थापना के संबंध में सरकार की क्या नीति है; और

(ख) उपरोक्त विभागों और उनके मंत्रालय ने मध्य प्रदेश में पिछले तीन वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष के दौरान कितने-कितने और कौन-कौन से सहायक उद्योगों की स्थापना की है ?

औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम): (क) और (ख) अपेक्षित जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Probing the affairs of companies by MRTP Commission

1008. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MRTP Commission is probing into the affairs of a number of companies;

(b) if so, what are the names of these companies and what are their offences; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take against the offending companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) As on 31-3-1986, 204 cases relating to restrictive trade practices/monopolistic trade practices and 102 cases relating to unfair trade practices were pending before the MRTP Commission. The Commission is in the process of taking necessary action in these cases as per the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969. The compilation of the details of these 306 cases involves effort and time which may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served.

Production of newsprint

1009. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately approved the production of an additional capacity of 6.36 lakh tonnes for news print; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the units for production of news print to be set up for raising the said